Based on the Court of Inquiry findings, the Chief of Army Staff has directed initiation of disciplinary action against 3 officers. A General Court Martial is in progress against one officer. In case of the other two officers, summary of evidence proceedings have been initiated.

The affected officers have since filed writ petitions in the courts. These are pending disposal.

Amount spent on Project Tiger

*208. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount spent on Project Tiger during 1988, 1989 and in 1990 so far; and

(b) what are the details of the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The amount spent by the Central Government during the three years on Project Tiger Scheme is as stated below:

Year	Account (Rs. in Lakhs)
1987-88	262.399
1988-89	379.060
1989-90	467.000

(b) The results achieved are as below:

(i) 28017 Sq. Kms of forests forming tiger habitat is being preserved in 18 Tiger Reserves located within 13 States.

(ii) 12634 Sq. Kms out of the total Project Tiger area has been constituted as core area. All existing wild animal species along with tiger are strictly protected against all types of biotic pressures in the core areas. Activities like grazing, forestry operations have been strictly banned inside the core areas.

(iii) Tourism is also regulated in the Tiger Reserves and maximum attention is paid to the preservation of the habitat in its natural form.

(iv) All Project Tiger areas are strictly protected against fires, poaching and illicit felling.

(v) 43 villages located inside the core areas have been relocated outside the core in a phased manner so that the man animal conflict is eliminated. This has resulted in the reduction of cases of man-eating and cattle lifting by tigers. Relocated villages are being rehabilitated in an ideal manner to the satisfaction of the people concerned.

(vi) Soil conservation measures have been implemented as a part of Project Tiger. This has increased water discharge with reduced silt load in the water courses through the tiger reserves.

(vii) The Tiger Reserves have now become the least disturbed gene-pools of biological diversity in the country.

(viii) Eco-development programme has been launched during 1989-90 in Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve. It aims at solving the problems of people living in and around the buffer areas. It is now proposed to extend this programme in the remaining Project Tiger areas in VIII Five Year Plan.

Privatisation of higher education

*209. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for privatisation of higher education in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF

STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Arms exports by India

*210. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India exports any arms to other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and to which countries the arms are exported;

(c) whether Government propose to set up an arms export corporation aimed at gearing up the country's armaments industry; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Limited export of arms, surplus to our requirements, has been undertaken to friendly countries.

(b) Details regarding export of arms of a classified nature and hence cannot be divulged.

(c) and (d) A decision regarding the establishment of a suitable agency for the promotion of export of defence stores is under consideration.

Activising the Gandhi Bhawans in the Universities

*211. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Human Resource Development propose to advise the University Grants Commission to activise the Gandhi Bhawans in various Universities, with liberal financial grants for organising research and holding International Seminars in view of the growing importance of Gandhian thought, specially of non-violence in the international context; and

(b) whether Government also propose to initiate an International Gandhian Peace Award for honouring outstanding personalities for their effective contribution in promoting peace and non-violence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) University Grants Commission has been providing financial assistance to Gandhi Bhawans to strengthen their administrative structure and to promote Gandhian thought and value. UGC has also been providing financial assistance to Universities for running courses at different levels on Gandhian studies and for research. The Commission proposes to continue to provide such assistance during the Eighth Five Year Plan also.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

Women Development Corporations in Bihar and U.P.

*212. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up Women Development Corporations in the rural areas of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh for the welfare of women; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) There is a Central Government scheme for providing assistance to State Governments for setting up of Women Development Corporations to generate activities among women such as identification